

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute the following new claims 19-32 therefor as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-18 (Cancelled)

19. (New) An information processing apparatus for executing content transmission, comprising:

a storage unit which stores content and property information as content-attribute information;

a data transmitting/receiving unit which executes data transmission and reception with a client as a content-information requesting device; and

a content-information generating unit which generates content information in which data editing information allowable for each piece of the property information is defined for each property, and which transmits the content information; and

a content extracting unit which, in response to a content request from the client, executes acquiring requested content from the storage unit,

wherein:

the property information includes index information as
partial-content-region identification information; and

the content extracting unit is configured to execute acquiring
partial content data specified by the index information on the condition that
the content request from the client includes partial playback specification,
and to execute transmitting the partial content data to the client.

20. (New) The information processing apparatus according to
Claim 1, wherein:

the index information includes:

index-start-position information representing, as start-
position information of the partial content data, information of a time or a
data amount from the start of the content; and

index-region information, as region information of the
partial content data, representing a time or data amount from the index-
start position; and

the content extracting unit is configured to execute acquiring
partial content data specified by the index-start-position information and
the index-region information.

21. (New) The information processing apparatus according to
Claim 1, wherein the content-information generating unit is configured to

execute acquiring index information from property information corresponding to the requested content on the condition that the content request from the client includes the partial playback specification, and transmitting the acquired index information.

22. (New) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the data editing information includes information which sets permission of at least one of rewriting, addition, and deletion of the property information.

23. (New) An information processing apparatus for performing acquiring content, comprising:

a data transmitting/receiving unit which executes data transmission and reception with a server retaining the content;

a content requesting unit which generates, as content request data to the server, content request data including partial content playback information;

a content playback control unit which executes controlling playback of partial content received from the server through the data transmitting/receiving unit;

a content-information analyzing unit which executes analyzing property information corresponding to the content received from the server and generating display information; and

a display unit which displays the display information generated by the content-information analyzing unit,

wherein the content-information analyzing unit is configured to execute generating display information in which the data editing information is recognizable for each piece of property information as a component of the content information received from the server.

24. (New) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the content-information analyzing unit is configured to execute generating, based on index information included in the content information received from the server, display information in which an index region of the content is recognizable, and to output the display information on the display unit.

25. (New) An information processing method for executing content transmission, comprising:

a step of receiving a content request from a client;

a step of determining whether or not partial playback specification is included in the content request from the client;

a step of executing, on the condition that the partial playback specification is included in the content request from the client, acquiring index information as partial-content-region identification information from the property information as content attribute information;

a step of executing acquiring partial content data specified by the index information;

a step of transmitting the extracted partial content data to the client; and

a step of generating content information in which data editing information allowable for each piece of the property information is defined for each property, and transmitting the content information.

26. (New) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein:

the index information includes:

index-start-position information representing, as start-position information of the partial content data, information of a time or a data amount from the start of the content; and

index-region information, as region information of partial content data, representing a time or data amount from the index-start position; and

the content extracting step executes acquiring partial content data specified by the index-start-position information and the index-region information.

27. (New) The information processing method according to Claim 26, further comprising a step of, on the condition that a content

request includes partial playback specification, acquiring index information from property information corresponding to the requested content from the client, and transmitting the acquired information to the client.

28. (New) The information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein the data editing information includes information which sets permission of at least one of rewriting, addition, and deletion of the property information.

29. (New) An information processing method for performing acquiring content, comprising:

a content requesting step of generating, content request data, content request data including partial-content-playback request information, and transmitting the data to a server;

a content playback control step of executing controlling playback of partial content received from the server;

a content-information analyzing step of executing analyzing property information corresponding to content received from the server and generating display information; and

a display step of displaying the display information generated in the content-information analyzing step,

wherein the content-information analyzing step executes generating display information in which data editing information is

recognizable for each piece of property information as a component of content information received from the server.

30. (New) The information processing method according to Claim 14, wherein the content-information analyzing step executes generating, based on index information included in the content information received from the server, display information in which an index region of the content is recognizable, and outputs the display information to the display unit.

31. (New) A computer program for executing content transmission, comprising:

a step of receiving a content request from a client;

a step of determining whether or not partial playback specification is included in the content request from the client;

a step of executing, on the condition that the partial playback specification is included in the content request from the client, acquiring index information as partial-content-region identification information from the property information as content attribute information;

a step of executing acquiring partial content data specified by the index information;

a step of transmitting the extracted partial content data to the client; and

a step of generating content information in which data editing information allowable for each piece of the property information is defined for each property, and transmitting the content information to the client.

32. (New) A computer program for performing acquiring content, comprising:

a content requesting step of generating, as content request data, content request data including partial-content-playback request information, and transmitting the data to a server;

a content playback control step of executing controlling playback of partial content received from the server;

a content-information analyzing step of executing analyzing property information corresponding to content received from the server and generating display information;

a display step of displaying the display information generated in the content-information analyzing step; and

wherein the content-information analyzing step executes generating display information in which data editing information is recognizable for each piece of property information as a component of content information received from the server.